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FORMED BY A UNION OF

THE
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THE
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AMERICAN FINE ARTS SOCIETY.

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THE AMERICAN FINE ARTS SOCIETY was incorporated June 20, 1889. It was formed by a combination of the SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARTISTS, the ARCHITECTURAL LEAGUE OF NEW-YORK, and the ART STUDENTS' LEAGUE OF NEW-YORK, for the purpose of erecting a FINE ARTS BUILDING in which these three co-operating Societies should find a permanent home. These societies have all been established and developed in the past fifteen years, and are daily growing in strength and importance. Each of them is

devoted to a special branch of art, but they are all actuated by the same progressive spirit, and together they form a powerful institution, representing all branches of the graphic and plastic arts, and having a department of instruction as well as a department of exhibition. The plan of organization brings together no less than three hundred men now active in the fine arts and chosen for their ability, and a still greater number of ambitious students of art.

The land on which the main building and galleries have been erected was purchased May 3, 1890. It is located on 57th Street, between Broadway and 7th Avenue, in the immediate neighborhood of the new Music Hall. It has a frontage of 75 feet on 57th Street, and a depth of 200 feet. The largest of the galleries, and the land on which it stands, costing, in the aggregate, \$100,000, was presented to the Society on December 30, 1892, by Mr. George W. Vanderbilt.

The total outlay on the part of the Society, including the Vanderbilt Gallery, amounts

to about \$400,000, and the mortgage debt is \$165,000.

The Society relies mainly for the extinguishment of its mortgage debt upon future subscriptions to the various funds mentioned below.

NEW-YORK, February, 1893.



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